

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Approval of amendment of the drawings to remove the bolt symbols from Fig. 2 is respectfully requested. A Replacement Sheet showing the as-amended Fig. 2 is attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 were examined in the Final Office Action mailed April 12, 2006.

The previously proposed drawing change stands objected to, with the suggestion to remove the proposed bolt illustrations to ensure the drawing remains schematic in nature. In accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion, the Applicant has attached hereto for Examiner approval a revised Replacement Sheet which removes the bolts. The proposed change also corrects a drawing error, where previously the caliper attachment was drawn extending to the centerline of the vehicle axle; this error has been corrected to show the attachment extending to the outer radius of the axle 11. Approval of the requested drawing changes is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-11, 13-14, 16-18, 20-21, 23-24 and 26-27 continue to stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,655,237 to Benson ("Benson"), with claims 6, 9 12, 15, 19, 22, 25 and 28 standing rejected as unpatentable over this reference under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the further comments and suggestions in the Remarks section regarding the broad interpretation of the claim language. Taking these comments into account, in order to expedite this case to issue, the Applicant is requesting entry of amendments to claims 1 and 16 to replace the objected-to "extends from" language with the term "connects." The Applicant submits that this term more specifically recites the physical connection of the outer radial region of the brake disc hub portion directly to the inner region of

the friction portion of the disc, and distinguishes Benson's connection between its hub and the outer radial edge of its disc arrangement. The Applicant further submits that in view of the extensive search already conducted in this case, entry of these amendments would not require conduct of an additional search.

CONCLUSION

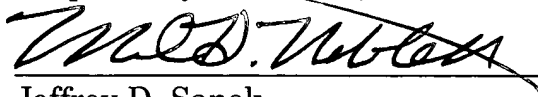
The Applicant respectfully submits that upon entry of the requested amendments, claims 1-28 would be in condition for allowance. Entry of these amendments and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for these claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #011351.52877US).

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